

# Commodity Shelf Newsletter

December 2011

## Holiday Greetings

Is it really already December?? The staff at DESE – SFS would like to wish everyone a happy, safe, and blessed holiday season. We hope Santa is generous to you and your family this year. ☺



## Mrs. Clark's Margarine

DESE – SFS budgets the amount of USDA Foods to send to each of the monthly processors based on the previous school year's consumption by MO LEAs. The amount of vegetable oil sent to Mrs. Clark's for school year 2011 – 2012 has quickly diminished and there will not be sufficient supplies to continue offering all of Mrs. Clark's products for the remainder of SY 11-12. The MC Margarine products were the largest consumers of vegetable oil by MO LEAs, so the decision has been made to discontinue the ordering of MC Margarine products with orders submitted in December. Any MC Margarine product ordered prior to November 15, 2011, (for January 2012 distribution) will be filled. MC Dressings and Sauces are expected to be available for the remainder of SY 11-12.

## AdvancePierre Pork confusion in December

Initial information submitted to DESE – SFS by AdvancePierre for December 2011 distribution was incorrect. The problem was detected a couple days into December distribution, which prompted DESE – SFS to notify FDA and discontinue December distributions until a resolution was found. The correct information has been submitted to DESE – SFS and communicated to FDA; however December week 1 and week 2 have already been routed and will not contain any AdvancePierre pork items for LEAs expecting them. The December allocations will be made in January for LEAs in weeks 1 and 2. LEAs receiving shipments during weeks 3 and 4 should have no issues. We are very sorry about the confusion and inconvenience this has caused any of the LEAs.

## Check the DECEMBER Open Order Adjustments

[HERE](#)

<http://dese.mo.gov/divadm/food/documents/December11OrderAdjustmentsforWebSite.pdf>

## Expos January 25-27, 2012

The following dates and locations have been established for the SY 11-12 Commodity Expos:

1. Kansas City – Fort Osage Campus
  - Wednesday, January 25, 2012
2. Central MO – Waynesville Career Center
  - Thursday, January 26, 2012
3. St. Louis – Francis Howell Hollenbeck Middle School
  - Friday, January 27, 2012

**Everyone** is encouraged to join the DESE – SFS staff at one of the locations to experience a great show of processed food and a day to network with other Food Service personnel from across the state. There will be a **NEW** format for this year's Expos including a time for round table discussions with other Food Service personnel and processors. There will still be an informational session about the Donated Food Program including enhancements on the horizon. As always, the food show will close out the day and DESE-SFS staff will be set up to offer assistance in completing the Processing Packet. The Expos will prove to be a worthwhile time for everyone and **ALL** LEAs are encouraged to join. The Donated Food Program is a great benefit to each of your programs, and we hope you make plans to join us to learn how you can maximize your utilization of the USDA Foods.

[Registration](#) and [directions](#) for the Commodity Expos have been posted to the [DESE – SFS Website](#). Registration is *required* for planning, but is **FREE** for everyone. Please submit your registration by **January 6, 2012**.



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## Prorated Donated Foods SY 11-12

Com Code	Delivery Period	DF Value
100158	September/October 2011	\$ 87.74
100098	September 2011	\$ 32.25
100158	November 2011	\$ 94.84
100258	November 2011	\$ 12.04
100158	January 2012	\$ 94.33
100098	January 2012	\$ 32.90
100158	March 2012	TBD

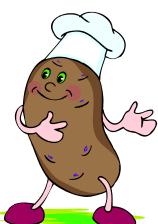
There will only be three (3) Prorated Items for SY 11-12. The three items **will not** be sent to everyone, they will **only** be sent to the schools who elected to receive them via their Processing Packet for SY 11-12. The items are:

- **100158** – Ground Beef, Frozen, 4/10 lb
- **100098** – Chicken, 8 pc Cut-up
- **100258** – Apple Slices, Frozen, 30 lb

If your LEA received **100098 – Chicken, 8 pc Cut-up**, in September, you can estimate to receive the same quantity in January. The **100158 – Ground Beef**, can also be estimated to be the same quantities as were shipped in October and November. If your LEA has received either **100098** or **100158** and would NOT like to receive additional product in January, please email [matthew.essner@dese.mo.gov](mailto:matthew.essner@dese.mo.gov). There are many LEAs who would like additional products and DESE – SFS does not want to burden your LEA with USDA Foods unusable in your operations.

## Open Order Updates

1. USDA has had difficulty fulfilling potato orders for SY 11-12 and has shuffled MO orders around multiple times. Currently the **100355 – Potato Wedges** are scheduled for April delivery, **100357 – Oven Fries** are scheduled for February delivery, and **100358 – Potato Rounds** are scheduled for March delivery.



Hopefully this schedule will allow USDA to get our trucks purchased so DESE – SFS can offer the items during the above mentioned months.

2. **100101 – Diced Chicken** was originally scheduled for November delivery and was purchased by USDA; however there were payment issues between the vendor and USDA so the vendor was not shipping anymore USDA loads until they received payment. Initially DESE – SFS was told this would be resolved quickly and planned to ship **100101** in December, but the problem was still not resolved. USDA has now communicated that we should receive the trucks by the end of December.

DESE – SFS now plans to ship **100101** in January 2012. Once the trucks are received, the **100101** will be delivered based on the orders submitted to DESE – SFS back in October.

3. **100318 – Mashed Sweet Potatoes** were expected for December delivery, but were not received as anticipated. The vendor plans to ship early in December and DESE – SFS plans to fulfill November requests on the January commodity deliveries.
4. As mentioned in the [October Commodity Shelf Newsletter](#), there was a bit of confusion with sliced (**100224**) and diced (**100225**) pears, and with the confusion, DESE – SFS neglected to post a value for the **100225 – Diced Pears** which shipped in November. Both **100224** and **100225** had a value of **\$ 23.80** per case.



## Quotes for the Month

*"You never achieve real success unless you like what you are doing"* – Dale Carnegie

*"The vision must be followed by the venture. It is not enough to stare up the steps – we must step up the stairs"* – Vance Harvner



*"Do you know how most people get jobs they love? They first loved the job they had, and everyone noticed. Same goes for most people who get cars they love, homes they love, and bodies they love"* – Mike Dooley (TUT – Daily Note, 11/11/11)

*"There's bank-account rich, and there's rich in spirit. The second kind is achieved when you make a difference."*

*It's the forever kind of rich that no one can take away from you but you."* – Billye (Tim Sanders' grandmother) Sanders, Tim. Today we are rich: harnessing the power of total confidence.

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